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1. ESSO'S INTENTIONS REGARDING FUEL DELIVERIES TO PAA
IN THE FRG REMAIN UNCLEAR. IN HIS MOST RECENT CALL
FROM LONDON, PAA DIRECTOR TOLD HIS BONN REP EXXON UK
HAD INDICATED THAT PRECISE INFORMATION RE LEVEL OF
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DELIVERY REDUCTIONS WOULD BE AVAILABLE BY THE END OF

THE WEEK.

2. PAA'S FRANKFURT STATION CHIEF BERNACCHIA TOLD US TODAY THAT HIS DAILY FUEL REQUIREMENTS TOTAL APPROXIMATELY 128 THOUSAND GALLONS -- TWENTY THOUSAND OF WHICH ARE REGULARLY USED BY IGS AIRCRAFT. THE BALANCE IS CONSUMED BY ABOUT SEVEN INTERNATIONAL PASSENGER FLIGHTS PER DAY PLUS CARGO FLIGHT REQUIREMENTS WHICH VARY ON A DAY TO DAY BASIS BUT TOTAL ABOUT EIGHTEEN FLIGHTS PER WEEK. PAA IS ALSO PLACING 2000 POUNDS ADDITIONAL FUEL ON ALL IGS FLIGHTS, PRESUMABLY FOR TRANSPORT BACK TO BERLIN. ALL AA FRANKFURT REQUIREMENTS ARE PROVIDED BY ESSO.

3. ESSO'S FRANKFURT REP HAS NOT RPT NOT INFORMED PAA OF ANY IMPENDING CUTBACK IN DELIVERIES. BERNACCHIA HAS, HOWEVER, ASKED ALTERNATE SUPPLIERS AT FRANKFURT -- MOBIL CHEVRON, BP -- IF AND TO WHAT EXTENT THEY COULD ASSIST IN MAKING UP PAA SHORTFALLS CAUSED BY ESSO CUTS. HE HAD NOT YET RECEIVED ANY RESPONSES BUT SAID HE WAS CONFIDENT BP WOULD HAVE EXCESS FUEL AVAILABLE AT LEAST AS LONG AS TWA STRIKE CONTINUED.

4. DURING ONE OF HIS CALLS PAA'S BONN REP TOLD US HE HAD DISCUSSED FUEL SITUATION IN GENERAL TERMS YESTERDAY WITH FRG OFFICIALS IN ECON AND TRANSPORT MINISTRIES. HE NOTED THAT IN THE COURSE OF HIS CONVERSATIONS ONE OF THE GERMAN OFFICIALS SAID IN PASSING THAT LUFTHANSA HAD SIMILAR FUEL PROBLEMS IN THE US AND WAS RECEIVING ONLY 40 TO 60 PERCENT OF ITS REQUIREMENTS IN NEW YORK.

5. IN A CONVERSATION THIS P.M. WITH EMBOFF ESSO HAMBURG DIRECTOR FOR AVIATION FUEL FISCHER SAID THAT ALL REPORTS REGARDING ESSO'S PROSPECTIVE CUTBACK IN JET FUEL DELIVERIES WERE STILL PREMATURE. ESSO ITSELF IS NOT YET SURE WHAT THIS CUT WILL BE AND ITS PLANNING THUS FAR EXTENDS ONLY TO NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER. FISCHER SAID, HOWEVER, THAT HE HAD ON A PRECAUTIONARY BASIS INFORMED PANAM THAT IT SHOULD EXPECT A STIFF CUT. LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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FISCHER ADDED THAT, HE HIMSELF HAD PROPOSED TO EXXON, LONDON A 25 PERCENT CUT IN ALL JET FUEL DELIVERIES TO FRG CUSTOMERS EFFECTIVE MONDAY, NOVEMBER 19. HE SAID HE WAS MOMENTARILY AWAITING LONDON'S DECISION ON THIS PROPOSAL.

6. THE TEMPORARY ABSENCE FROM THE FRG OF THE PAA DIRECTOR AND HIS DEPUTY HAS MADE IT DIFFICULT TO GET A

PRECISE PICTURE OF THE SITUATION. RUNNETTE WILL BE IN
BONN TOMORROW (NOV 15) WHEN WE HOPE TO BE ABLE TO GET
A CLEARER READING OF PAA'S POSITION.
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